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My name is Megan Szczesny and I am a resident of Madison, CT. I fully support House Bill 6517, *AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS GOVERNING DYSLEXIA INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING*.

As a mother of struggling 2nd grader, I have experienced first hand how Public Schools are inadequate at identifying Dyslexic children at an early age and how teachers are lacking in sufficient intensive training to remediate dyslexics. My daughter was not identified until the middle of second grade and spent her first two years of elementary school in a literacy program that was insufficient for her complex reading difficulties.

My daughter is now spending an additional 3 hours a week in outside tutoring. The exhaustion and stress for my daughter at such a young age will have long lasting consequences on her confidence. The time commitment and the financial strain on my family is a burden. It is imperative that public school systems identify early and have highly trained staff in structured literacy to help Dyslexic children advance a normal pace with their peers.

I am optimistic that lawmakers for the State of Connecticut will support HB 6517 and ensure the best education for all children.

Sincerely,

Megan Szczesny

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